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Application of: Alexandr Alexandrovich MIROSHIN et al.

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For: A POLARIZER AND LIQUID
CRYSTAL DISPLAY ELEMENT

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AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed August 13, 2002, Applicants submit the following amendments and remarks for entry in the record of the above-captioned application.

A marked up version of all amended claims showing insertions and deletions is attached hereto as Appendix A.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel claims 103-134 and 136-163 and rewrite the claims as follows.

97. (Amended) A polarizer comprising a birefringent anisotropically absorbing layer, wherein the birefringent anisotropically absorbing layer is formed of at least one organic salt of a dichroic anionic dye and has a refraction index that increases as the wavelength of polarizable light increases over a range of the spectrum of wavelengths.

98. (Amended) The polarizer of claim 97, wherein the birefringent anisotropically absorbing layer comprises at least two fragments that differ from one another with respect to at least one of color and direction of their polarization axis.

99. (Amended) The polarizer of claim 97, further comprising an alignment layer